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**PATENT APPLICATION**

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Kenji YAO

Group Art Unit: 1711

Application No.: 10/014,566

Examiner: R. Sergeant

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For: POLYMER COMPOUND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME, MOLDED ARTICLE AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In reply to the July 15, 2004 Election of Species Requirement, Applicant provisionally elects the following Species, with traverse.

As X, Applicants elect arylene, with traverse.

As Y, Applicants elect alkylene, with traverse.

As Z, Applicants elect a bond divided from an alkylene group having from 1 to 20 carbon atoms, with traverse.

As m, Applicants elect the integer 1, with traverse.

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-14 read on the elected species and that at least claims 1, 3, 4, 10 and 11 are generic.

It is also respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all species is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one Group of species would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining species. Thus, it is respectfully

submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions" (emphasis added). It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Thus, withdrawal of the Election of Species Requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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